

Old Dartmouth



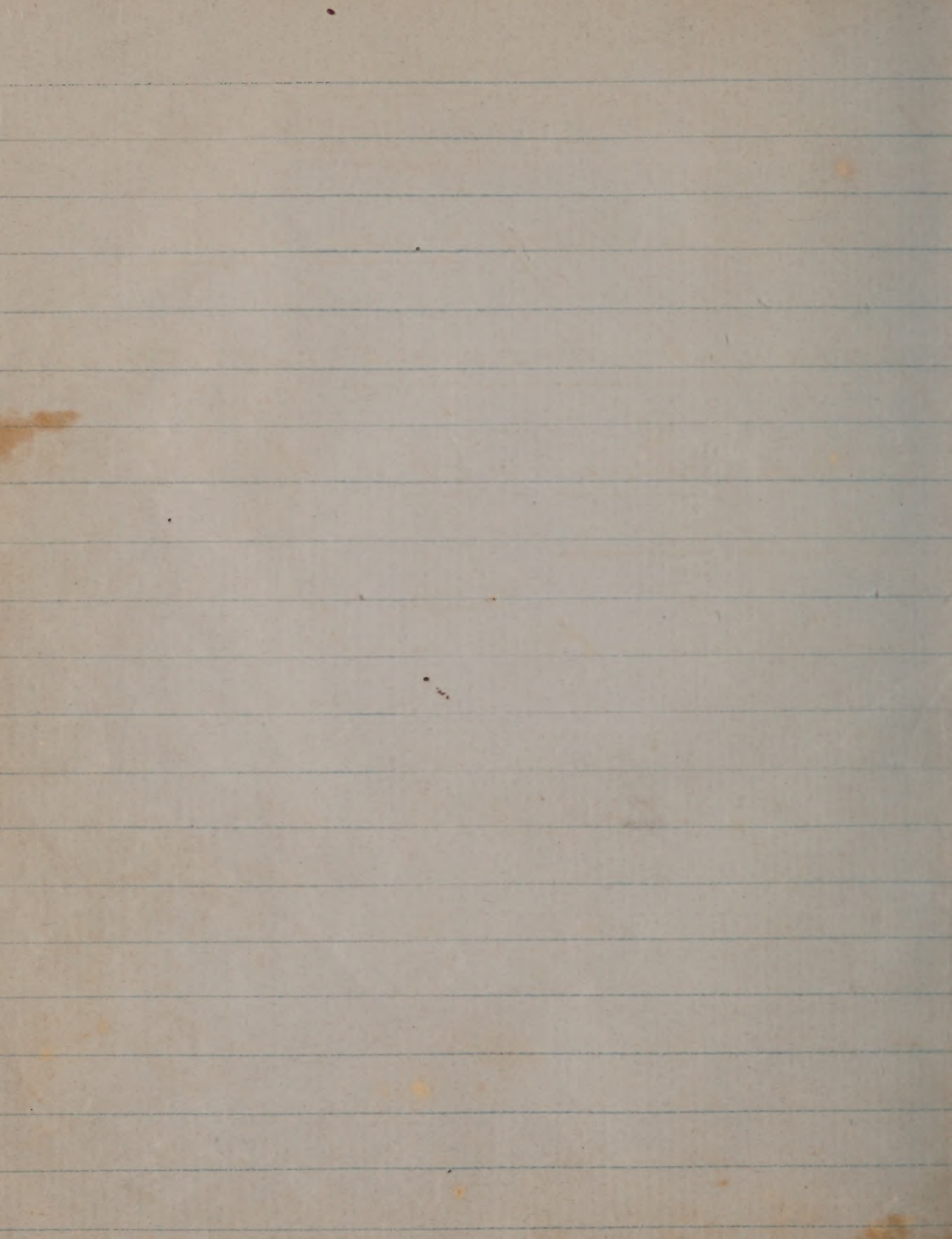
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late master of the, Fish. Sec.
(taken in February, 1865 by a Chinaman)





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British Brig. Fah. Lee.

James I. Howland. Master.

From Bangkok. towards
Hong Kong.

Log, of my
Subsequent wanderings, until
my arrival at Hong Kong.

Saturday 19th A.M. Unmoored & left
at single anchor P.M. commenced
dropping down the river, taking
in cargo at the same time, at
2.30 P.M. finished loading; at
6 P.M. came to anchor, below
the Rice mills, & close of the
Shipping. Put in the lower Port.

secured & caulked & pitched over it
Blocked off the hatches caulked
battered & bored them down
The lower hold loaded with
Beak Timber Plank & Saffron
Wood Between decks full
of Rice Pepper & Saffron Wood
Vessel drawing 11 ft Water aft
& 10 ft 4 in forward
Pumps sounded making no
water Put the watch for
the night

Sunday 20th Fine clear weather
at 2 A.M. hove up anchor &
dropped as far down as the
tide would carry us & came
to anchor at 8 A.M.

Bent all sails Sounded the
Pumps but found no water
Monday 21st Fine weather
at 2 A.M. got the anchor &

dropped down as far as Lower
Pak. Loat, & anchored at 8 AM
Vessel making, no water
Tuesday 22nd Fine weather ^{from} got the
anchor & dropped down with the tide
at 4.30 AM arrived at Pak Loat
gave up my post took my guns
on board & at 6.30 AM got the
anchor & proceeded to the mouth
of the River the tide & wind
having, give out dropped anchor
at 8.30 AM. at 1 PM hove
up anchor & sailed out of
mud channel at 3.30 PM came
to anchor just outside of the
fishing stakes Vessel making
no water

Wednesday 23rd Fine weather at 10 AM
got under way made all sail &
crossed the bar with a light
SE wind at 6 PM the Island

Boat Si' Chang bore E N E 8 miles
dis. Steaming by the wind
making S by E & E through the
night - Calm & clear weather
at 6 A.M. sounded the Pump
found 10 inches of water in the
well which is 13 inches more than
she sucks at Pumped Ship
for the first time since I
have had command of her
with the exception of water
which has bin used in cleaning
the hold Sounded the Pumps in
very nice working order
Secured the anchors & lugged up
the hose pipes & prepared
for strong winds. Ende light
West winds & pleasant weather
Thursday 24 Light air & fine
weather at 6 A.M. Boat bore
bore N E 9 mile dis 2 V. Wells

in sight ahead at 6 PM took steam
saw N.E. by N 13 miles' dist. sounded the
Pump 7 in water in the well
at 10 PM took the N.E. monsoon. Light
at first but increasing fast
Friday 25th at 2 AM wind still
increasing with a rough chop sea
Took in the fore royal was then
going at her usual easy rate of
14 miles an hour with a fair wind
at 4 AM having a steady, strong
wind & the weather looking more
settled I went to my bed leaving
orders to call me in case of any change
as I had had no sleep for the
last 48 hours on account of working
out from among the Islands I slept
soundly until 8 AM when the
steward called me for breakfast
at the same time my little cabin
boy came to me saying that the

Vessel was making water as they
had bin pumping a long time
I said all right for I expected
she would take in a little water
through her upper works which had
bin out of water some time &
consequently, more or less dried up.
The boy went out but came running
back instantly saying he thought
she was sinking in the water.
I jumped to the companionway
where I met the steward
who said he could hear the water
rushing into the Hold.
I looked in & found I could
hear the same which sounded
as if coming in in patches
but could not see anything of
it - went on deck kept her
off before the wind took in
all sail except the foretopsail

Pumps going at the same time. But
 in less than 30 minutes from the
 time I was first called she was
 full to the deck & the sea rooling
 over her sweeping every thing from the
 main deck. succeeded in getting the
 long boat over without damage to her
 & let her go as torn to the byw
 line when we all collected on top
 of the house aft it being the
 only place we could remain with
 safety & it was frequently
 flooded by the sea I kept a
 man fast at the wheel to steer
 her before the wind knowing that
 if she came to she would surely
 turn bottom up I then called
 the officer of the morning watch
 to me & inquired how it first
 happened & when it was that he first
 discovered that she was making

she said the Carpenter had sounded
the Pumps at 6 am & found 2 in
water in her well & set the
Pumps going with a sort of
the water while he took the
rest of them & commenced
washing decks thinking they
would soon Pump it out -
that there was not sufficient
cause for him to call me
after they had bin Pumping
for an hour or more he told
the Carpenter to sound again
which he did but before he
got the rod up she took
a little water over all ~~which~~
& a portion of it went down
the Soundings Pipe & set the
Line so that he could not
tell what water there was
but thought they were nearly

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Puckings & he not thinking it
necessary to get him another line
allowed them to continue pumping
without trying to find out how much
water there was in her & did not
say any thing to cause fear for
her safety until about 8 AM
when I was called

I then began to contemplate
our situation & consider what
was to be done in the first
~~at that inst^t~~ & before the Cabin
had filled entirely I ran down
& brought up the two Barometers
& my writing desk Sextant
& Ships papers that being
all that I could get up before the
Cabin filled in the mean time
the steward & Cabin boy had
filled two one gallon tinjona
with fresh water (the whole of

our water being, below the decks
in casks) & they had brought
up two hams they being all
the food we had on deck at the
time (with the exception of rice
& then a piece that would float
out of the Cabin Skylight which
had bin so nicely put upon
the table for my breakfast)
There was a strong N.E. wind
blowing at the time but we were
dry & a brailing hat on
& all the clothing I could
boast of was an old under
shirt & a pair of cotton
panjamae & the shirt was
without sleeves

We then managed to get the
fore topgallant sail & fore sail
set & were going along, at
the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles an hour

before the wind.

at 10 AM Saw a Vessel to
the northward standing towards
us we hoisted an old mast at
the main it being the only thing
we could get for the purpose.
she ran down close to us & hove
to I sent the mate in the
boat to him she proved to be
the Hamburg Briggs Superior
Capt Geo Van Appen from Bangkok
bound to Batavia he offered
me every assistance
I got 2 Baskets of Bread
(about $3\frac{1}{4}$ of a barrel) & a Chart of
the gulf of Siam & as he had got
his position he put it upon
the Chart which was $11^{\circ}00'$ North
Longt & $101^{\circ}32'$ East Long about
100 miles from a lee shore
he wished me to abandon my

Vessel on the being near
& the most valuable part of
her cargo being wood which the
water would not damage & likewise
knowing that she could not sink
I thought it my duty to try
& get her ashore. & besides knowing
that her hull was but covered by
insurance & did not know whether
the cargo was insured or not
as it belonged to the Owners of
the Vessel.

I had eight thousand Mexican
dollars on freight secured under
my Cabin Table which I should
liked to have sent by him
but did not think it prudent
to try to get it out as
boards & saws & boxes were flying
about at a fearful rate
Capt. Appen kept along with

me until 4 P.M., I requested him
to report me when he kept up
on his course

at 5 P.M. the wind began to
increase & the weather to look threatening
I then found that my Certificate
was not in my writing desk but
in a chest of drawers in my state
room in a small Sanitise shell box
the sky light being very large
& extending nearly over my room
I dove down & as luck would
have it put my hand on it at
once & succeeded in getting back
without injury but with a good
greasing as the oil sumps in
the store room had got stone in
it every thing in the cabin was
full of Lamp Oil
There was one small box of dollars
amongst the rest - containing

but seven hundred dollars which
we succeeded in fishing up
& put into the boat
at 6:30 P.M. Saw the last of
the Unperb it looked rather
dismal to see her going out
of sight & it getting dark
Palmist repented not having
gone in her but I heard not
a word from her on board
& knew that they would follow
me willingly to the end of the
earth if I would have them and
they told me so much
I then lowered the quarter
boat & saved her as soon
ready for any emergency
at 7 P.M. divided the provisions
between the two boats there
being one gallon of water one
ham & one basket of bread

in each boat I lotted the long
boat to the mate his watch
cook & steward the quarter
boat to myself second mate
his watch Carpenter & Cabin
boy I took my dog & the
mate took the cat

I then set the watches allowing
one watch to go into their boat
& the other to stay on the vessel
& steer her before the wind
& leaving orders with the watch
on deck to call me in case of my
change I went into my boat
to get something to eat for
the first time since the
night before

One of the seamen in my
boat had saved some of his
clothing I then dressed
myself as best I could in

some of his clothes they being
wet with salt water did not
feel very pleasant when in
contact with my scalded
flesh which was then blistering
fast

At 10 am the wind backed
more to the eastward &
blowing stronger but the
vessel going along nicely
nearly west for the
bay of Loem Chang Bay
where I intended to bring
her ashore if possible

At 12 am I hauled the
boat up & secured the
watch she seemed then
to be going better than
before & I began to
hope that I should be
successful in getting her

in but my meditation was
very things but pleasant for a
long time untill I could say
Gods will be done in good
heart when I felt quite released
& sat watching the Vessel
she would sometimes rise with
the sea & show me the form
of her beautifull hull which
was anything but pleasing to
me then for she was the
Owners pet Vessel & a perfect
Ghast. At 3 P.M. as I sat
looking at her & thinking how
foolish I should have bin to
have left her the man at
the Wheel allowed her to
broach to a little when she
went over instantly & settled
away with her Starboard
Bridge just a wash

The watch that was on deck
jumped overboard & we picked
them up it being the starboard
watch they came into my boat
they said that just before she
went over they heard something heavy
strike the ships side & if
some cargo had shifted but
as she was full I think it
hardly possible most likely some
spar drifted on deck as it
was very dark there being no
moon

As the weather looked threatening
& seen some distance to the
westward of the track for
shipping & water getting short
I considered it best to make
for the land at once.

I told the mate to follow
me as I had ^{one} of the binicle

compass' in my boat & did not know whether he had one or not he kept with me about 10 minutes when I lost sight of him, went back & found him again kept together a short time longer when I lost sight of him again & could not find him after looking some time without success I thought it best to look out for our selves & kept on for the shore for the sea was running higher every hour & we had then to be very careful with the boat or get her swamped

Wednesday 26th Moderate gales from N.E. & heavy sea boat shipping considerable water but by continually bailing kept her free, at daylight

rigged a sail with an old
piece of canvas that had him
a Sky-light running & happened
to be kept in the quarter boat
which made her go along much
more easy than pulling.
We kept on for the land all
day without seeing anything
of the other boat.
It was told by some of my
men that they had seen a hatchet
& some other tools in the
other boat during the day
before which makes me think
they might have put back
to the vessel thinking to cut
through the bulge & get some
of the money, but I hope not
for if by some miracle they
should get it out ~~then~~ the boat
never would live to bring

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it on shore in this sea & they
must consequently pay the
penalty that did Soots wife
for looking back

Through the night strong gales
dark & cloudy with heavy sea
Sunday 27 Wind hauling more
to the eastward at daylight
saw the land Sen-Chong-
Poo bore about S.W. by W
4 miles dis but the sea was
then running at such a fearful
rate that it would be shore
distraction to run the boat
any other way than before
the sea therefore we had to
run in on the North side of
the Headland & finding a
little piece of sand beach
about 40 yards long partly
sheltered by a large rock we

beached the boat & got
safely to Dry Land at
about 10 Am hauled up
the boat & commenced searching
for water & provisions sending
2 men in each direction out
for miles around & could not
find anything untill 3 Pm
Saw a couple of native travelers
& by motions made them
understand that we wanted
water so sent 2 men with
them & after going about
6 miles found a small spring
filled their gallon cistern
(it being the only thing we
had that would hold water)
& brought it back to us
it had a pair of marine
optical glasses by the use of
which we made a good fire

to days our clothes by
my arms face & neck was very
painfull being perfectly raw
& having him wet with salt water
for the last three days was no
improvement. The Diarrhoea did not
suffer from anything of that kind
having him dressed before the
Pessell was discovered to be filling
so fast.

Monday 28th Strong gales
from N.E. with a large
sea & much surf.
Spent the day in trying
to find Inhabitation or provision
but could not get far back
into the Country on a/c of
its being very swampy
so much so that every few
yards we went would go in
up to our arms.

Went for more water
ham getting small & broad
low in the Basket

Tuesday 29th Wind & Weather
much the same as yesterday
Provisions finished with the
exception of about 4 lbs of Bread
Evening wind & Sea going
down a little

Wednesday 30th Strong breezes
& not so much sea sent
for water at daylight & in
the mean time got the
boat ready to make a start
when they came back found
they had let the dimijon fall
& broken it - therefore we
had to leave without water
Launched the boat & by carefull
arrangement rounded the bluff
& run into the Bay of

Long Chong Row in Lat 10.5° N
Long 112.26° East 3000 about
3 miles up the small river
To Thieu where we found a small
village & several junk but
they were all laid up & tried
to charter one to take us back
to Bang Kok but they gave
us to understand (by motions)
that it was impossible to
work them to the Northward
against the Monsoon & they
would not try it - for love or
money & it would be madness
for us to try to pull there against
the wind & sea with but two oars
& the boat loaded with six men
& provisions therefore I concluded
to run down the coast & try to
to get as far as Singora hoping
to get relief there as I think there

is some trade from that place
the natives here are very kind but
very poor they gave us rice to eat
& several gave us a little bark
to take with us we got two
jars & filled with water

About 4 Pm started yet
the Skylight covering for a
fore sail & one of the seamen
had a large Blanket which we
rigged for a mainsail & ran
along quite easy for about 15-
or 20 miles the wind & weather
moderating considerably.

just before dark landed under
the lee of a small point
hauled the boat up cooked
our Supper & turned in for
the night took it a practice
of sleeping in the boat
Thursday Dec 1st Moderate NE

wind & pleasant weather
at day light shoved off & proceeded
on our way having cooked rice
enough the night before we took
our breakfast in the boat
we went along nicely for about
45 miles when the wind died away
& it coming on dark we pulled
into a little bay called Chiva
& tried to land but it being
very dark could find no safe
place in which to do so the
water being shallow & the ground
rocky therefore we bent the
boats painter on to the Box of
dollars & moored the boat
& rode all night by a silver
Anchor the whole of our provisions
then consisted of a little green
pumpkin about the size of a
large apple a pint of raw rice

on which we made our supper
& prepared to sleep I set
a watch of one man for I
could see plenty of moving
lights in the bays & did not
know whether they were Siamese
or Chinese of the former
there is no danger for they
are the most harmless & indolent
people in the world but
the latter are just the
reverse they would cut
a man's throat for the shirt
that is on his back if it is
not a very good one
Friday 2nd Calm & pleasant
in the morning found the lights
to have come from people fishing
they waded along about 10 yards
from the shore carrying a short
handle scoop net before

them & a Chinese paper lantern
fastened on their heads to
call the fish into it -
they catch but very few
we saw a few fisher men but
weighed our anchor & pulled in
found them to be very poor
& very much afraid of us they
being Siamese & they would give
us nothing, but a few coconuts
we searched the houses but could
find nothing but a little rice &
took about a quart & 2 small
fish one of the men caught
a chicken which made them
quite indignant - therefore we
weighed off & pulled out of the
bay when just at the mouth of
it found a small village &
we landed to get more provisions
& cook our breakfast I had

one man who was very useful
to us he was about 48 years
old & very smart - had him with
Dr Livingston on some of his
excursions in Africa he was
our cook & by this time he had
gathered quite a nice lot of dishes
to take our meals with by carefully
breaking open the coconuts the shell
made very good plates & one of the
men had a jack knife with which
he made some wooden spoons
we did our cooking by means
of an old chetty (an earthen pot)
raised from the ground a little with
stones - we had a very good
breakfast this morning, consisting
of chicken fish & a little
pumpkin all boiled in one pot
with Pepper (for we found plenty
of red peppers growing)

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+ a pot of rice Boiled dry by it-
self

We got some more rice
Shrimps a duck & a few sweet
potatoes & started again with
a brisk Easterly wind kept on
through the day & night when just
before day light the wind came ahead
& we landed at the entrance
of Lijon bay had made about
60 miles Southward cook breakfast
one of the men got bit by a
Don't see but not bad

Saturday 3^d Calm with light
airs from due East at times
which was a head wind for us
as we had to go East for about
40 miles to get out by the
head land & strong S.W. current
running but after breakfast
made sail & commenced beating out
the boat worked very well & would

Stay, nicely in coverings Sheet
& Blanket - for I had rigged
a main top sail of an old
Sheet - that I found in the
bottom of the boat when we
first got ashore
but as the Boat had but little
keel we made but little
progress Saking sail & set
to at pulling, but could not
do much better with but
two oars pulled untill
nearly dark when we ran off
& tried to land at a small
village of about 15 houses
but - could not land on account of
sand flats which made of
about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile I then sent
2 men to see if they could
make ashore but the mud
was soft & very sticky.

8 Deep when they had got
about 4 boats lengths from us
they sank in to their arms pits
& the more they tried to get
ast the further they went down
untill there heads wer just above
the mud when I called to them
to keep quiet - I then cast of
the boats painter (it being the
only line we had) & went as near
them as possible threw it to
them & dragged them out
& after about 3 hours hard
work we all succeeded in getting
back to the boat had supper
of raw rice & went to sleep
had light showers of rain through
the night

Sunday 4th Brisk Easterly
^{wind} & pleasant weather at daylight
Started again pulled about 7 miles

landed at another village about
the same size got some more
rice about enough for one meal
cooked it - put it into the
boat & started again pulled
about 10 miles stopped at a
small Island on our way &
sat - breakfast (there being
no hopes of a fair wind which
would allow us to sail while
drying our) cooked a pot of
rice in the mean time

at 10.30 am started again
pulled untill dark when
got out side of Head land &
set sail & sailed through
the night by pulling at times
have pulled about 60 miles
since daylight

Monday 5th Strong East
wind with heavy squalls

of wind & rain took the best-
 advantage of squalls & kept
 well off shore trying to pass
 Lancelin Pook but in the
 afternoon it was a steady
 rain & blowing strong sea
 getting up & the men had
 worked hard the day before &
 night likewise & were now wet
 cold & hungry & run in &
 landed with much difficulty in
 the best place I could find
 it being a bold rough shore
 in Lat $8^{\circ}45'$ North Long $11^{\circ}30'$ E
 about 6 PM succeeded in starting
 a fire & rigged the best shelter
 we could with our sails &
 cooked what we had for supper
 which was very good being a duck
 & a small pot of rice
 the rain poured down in torrents

all through the night - we could
keep a fire only by keeping
about a cord of brush wood
on the top of it - all the time
which we did by continual
getting, which we did by
all mounting, small trees &
breaking them down for we had
nothing to cut them with

Tuesday 6th Strong gales,
with much rain heavy sea
sailing in & tremendous
surge impossible to leave by
boat I sent 2 men in each
direction to look for something
to eat - telling them not
to part or be shure to get
back before dark as these woods
are full of wild Beasts here
especially they come back &
said they could find nothing

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but came to quite large rivers in
each direction we found plenty
of fresh water a little way, of
but nothing more

Wednesday 7th Wind &
weather much the same as yesterday
Spent the day much the same
have had nothing to eat since
night before last kept a good
fire going all the time but
could not dry our cloths for it
rained so powerfull that they
would burn before they would
dry

Thursday 8th Strong Winds
& squally with small rain &
not near so much surf made
an attempt to get the boat off
but failed by the men's stumbling
down when the surf took charge
of her washed every thing out &

drove her on the beach
broad side to get her up
clear & picked up our things
that were not lost -

I lost - my Opera glasses the
Compass was broken & the
men lost all the clothes they
had except what they had
on their backs at the time
we increased the fire &
commenced drying our selves
& things my chronometer
had been floating about in
salt water but did not get
much inside writing, dark
dropped the most sweet
most of my papers

Do could the second ship rock
about noon & native travelers
came along but were very
much afraid of us they

had no provisions with them which
made me think there must be a
village or some habitation not
very far off. I sent the second
mate with 2 men to follow them
telling them not to separate &
get back by dark. They kept the
natives with them but a short
time when they got away from
them by dodging in the break
like wild animals. They then
kept on to see if they could
find anything themselves.
They shortly came to a river
that only a very good swimmer could
cross. The 2 men said they would
come back as I had ordered them
but the second mate said he
would not until he found
something to eat - & he being
a good swimmer crossed the

river telling the men to tell
me that he would come back
as soon as he found anything
to eat the men got back
just before dark & they
all begin to put on logs,
faces getting somewhat discouraged
so much so that they lay down
in their tent sacking wet &
would let the fire go out
if it would allow them
but even since leaving the
Vessel I have kept nearly
as good discipline as if still
on board & the men have been
very good & cheerful hearted
showing me as much respect
as ever & would not think of
such a thing as allowing me
to pull an oar or do any
thing of the kind & would

always build as good a tent as
possible over my, and of the boat
for me & my boys before looking
out for themselves & the Cook
would pick out the best little pieces
of food & fill the Capt's plate
before taking for themselves often
when he got a nice little fish or
something of the kind he would say,
this is for the Capt's Breakfast &
the men would try to see which
could make me the best wooden
pipe to smoke out of for we
would get now & then a little
Siamese Tobacco which is very much
like Shag Tobacco at home
but today, saw they were getting very
downhearted & ready to give up all
hope of getting away, knowing
myself that if the weather continued
long as it was & we let the

fire go out we should perish
with wet & cold as well as hunger
I went to work gathering
fire wood when the men saw
that they felt ashamed &
fell to with right good ^{will} & in
less than an hour we had
the best fire yet it soon
stoped raining when we got
warmer & dryer & quite cheerful
again I knew we would not
starve yet for I had my
dog to fall back on which
is a large one weighing when
we left the vessel 710 lbs but
now not more than 50 lbs but
would still keep us all several
days I could not kill it yet
myself for it was my best
friend & the best watch dog I ever
saw & a great favorite with

the men as well I asked them to
kill it but they said they would
rather starve & suggested
taking to the Country & leave the
boat behind but I knew that
would be worse than hopeless for
the Woods are full of Tigers & not
only that but the Country is so
swampy & cut up with rivers
that it would be impossible
to go very far & if we found
inhabitation they would be so very
poor that we could get nothing
to live on long & without
our boat we could never get
of the coast so that if we
escaped the Tiger & even starvation
we could not escape sickness
as it is very sickly along this
coast especially for Europeans
They all saw the impracticability of

day & I gave it up. I told them
that whoever wished to go could
do so but I went to stick to
the boat - if I had to do so alone
they said they would not leave
me on my own.

Through the night the moder-
ate wind & sea going down fast.

Friday 9th moderate
winds & not so much sea & surge
as yesterday, at daylight
succeeded in getting the boat
off with much difficulty, the
men being very weak where
we could take her up & walk
away with her ^{before} we could now
only lift one end & that
with difficulty, waited of shore
for the second mate untill
past noon when having

in four days without food concluded
to go without him therefore
wrote a note which ran as follows
Mr Rutherford

Dear Sir

We go to look for
something to eat as we have
waited off shore for you most of
the day & you do not come
we cannot stand it any longer
therefore if you get back
the best thing you can do is
to wait here if possible until
tomorrow night this time when
I will be back for you if
possible to get back at all
if I do not come you will have
to look out for yourself which
will prove you right for
going so far alone which
you knew to be contrary to

my strict orders but hoping
it will yet come out all
right & remain yours
J. S. Howland

This the Carpenter swam on shore
with & fastened it to a large
tree where we had had a fire
he came back when we set sail
& ran on down the coast with
a good breeze & tide with me
I found the needle of the compass
in the bottom of the boat
rigged it on a pin the whittened
the north end so we could tell
it in the night & then had
quite a good compass

We ran about 30 miles when
we saw a light just after dark
ran for it & it proved to be
a small Siamese Schooner
at anchor in a little lute the

gale had driven him there we went
on board of her about 7 P.M. when
they had just finished cooking
there Supper they put it before
us when we eat it in quick time
& without much ceremony,
got them to Cook as much more
devoured that & felt satisfied
they likewise gave us some
raw rice & some small dried
fish to take with us
I could not find out where
they were bound but as near as
I could tell from their motions
that they were going to Singora
we did not like to stop on board
as the largest part of the crew
were Chinamen & Singora not
being very far off concluded we
had rather go in our boat
as she had him pretty well

Tried & I do think she is the
best sea boat that ever was
built & a very easy pulling
boat - otherwise we never could
have pulled 60 mile with but
two oars against a head sea
& wind

At then began to rain in
squalls they wanted us
to stop all night but we
declined run close in shore
& dropped our silver anchor
covered the boat as well as
possible & went to sleep
Saturday 10th Strong
N.E. wind & squally, with much
rain impossible to get back for
the second mate therefore
gave it up & pulled around
Somcolm Park & run down
the coast under easy sail

but the wind kept increasing, & blowing right in a large sea soon got up & it being an open coast hold & sockage we had to take down sail & pull sea ward

through the night & strong gales & the mentioned sea could just manage to keep the boat head to it & by hard pulling all night nearly hold our own the boat stood it remarkably well as the sea would sometimes raise her completely on end when she would come down with force (enough to shake menz as good ship) & knock every man in the bottom of her & it was with much difficulty they kept from losing the Oars all together but knowing their lives depended on them they kept hold of them I fastened my self in the stern to keep her head to the sea

for if she had varied one degree from
that she must be surely lost
~~on~~ ^{at} daylight the weather moderated
fast & sea going down
found we had drifted a long
way to the Southward as well
as in shore & got the boat
around as soon as possible with
safety & run in as much
to the Southward as possible
went about 20 miles when the
wind shifted to ESE in heavy
squalls of wind & rain &
by this time had got so far
in that the sea began to
break we saw a long piece
of sand beach & the men
being so badly made up that
I headed for it & run her ashore
never thinking but that she
would break into pieces

when she struck but she happened
to take one of the largest rollers
at the right time which carried
her up so far that in its receding
left her 50 yards up on dry
beach several natives came &
we hauled her up before another
one came we had therefore
effected a good landing, & without
much trouble & just before
night there were a few huts
a little ways from the shore
& further back quite a village
we are now about 40 miles from
Pongora ~~at~~ PM, the wind increasing
again with much sea the natives
began to gather around us & numbered
about 40 they seemed very
curious & wanted to take the
boat from us & seemed to know
what was in the heavy box

I began to wish it a hundred
miles off. They were about one
third Chinamen which made
it somewhat worse for us.
They built a fire a little way
off & consulted together for
some time & then all came
& took the boat up & carried
her a little way when I gave
the word to my dogs & she
scattered them right & left in
quick time biting several of
them quite badly & they concluded
not to try it again. Most of
them went away about their
own business when we
shored up the boat where
she was covered her over as
well as we could & set the
watch (one man & the dog)
& went to sleep.

Monday 12th moderate gales
from the Eastward & heavy rain
squalls a large gathering of
people a little ways off but did not
dare come to us but 3 or four
of the chiefs came forward & gave
me to understand that they wanted
to come so I made the dogs
fast & they came to us &
professed great friendship
these were most all Chinese
for the Chinamen finding they could
get nothing from us had no further
care for us the chiefs sent some
of their women to get rice &
chickens for us which they
brought & we cooked & eat a
good breakfast
In the night the weather moderated
a little but still with much rain
had three good meals today &

for the first time since the
Hoh Lee filled with water
begin to feel quite strong &
heartier again

th Tuesday 13th More moderate
sea & breeze gaining down but with
now & then a rain squall
passed the day in eating &
sleeping for we could do nothing
more & at 11 P.M. got the
boat to the shore &
shoved off & pulled sea ward
untill daylight when we
set sail & run along the
coast just out of sight of
land it being quite low along
here

th Wednesday 14th Strong East
wind with very heavy rain squall
& much sea at 2 P.M.
made Pa Bisco Island which

is off the mouth of Singora
river just dark run into the
river & landed just round the
Point where we found quite a
large house but the people
were afraid of us & would not
let us in but allowed us to
build a fire under an old shed
& cook our rice there which
we did & then I moved the
boat off a little way & we
tried to get some sleep but
it rained so powerfull that
one had to keep Bailing the
boat most of the time &
the tide run so strong in the
river that we kept dragging all
the time as our silver anchor
had no flukes to it we had
to use man several times &
in this way passed the night

Thursday 15th Trong

East wind with frequent showers
of rain cooked breakfast -
& went to the City
found it to be a small
walled City with about 5000
inhabitant & very old fashioned
there was not one in or about
the City that could speak any
English at all

I was taken to the Police station
with my papers but they were
of no use I made them under-
stand that we were Shipwrecked
Sailors & that I was capt of the
Ship when they took us to
a house just within the
Walls & gave us charge of it
it was a government house with
a large yard & in it an
Opium manufactory which

they were working at the time
I took it & put our things
in to it. Bats gear & a thinking
to stop a few days & see if I could
not find some one that could speak
to us. They built us a Cook house
in the yard cooking utensils a fire
wood &c. when the Chief of
Police came & took me before
the King of the Southern district
of Siam he was very kind to me
but the people are very much in
fear of him. They take off their
shoes & crawl on their hands
& knees into his presence.
He had a European chair brought for me
to sit on. ^(they allways sit cross legged on the floor, the King & Prince)
He gave me a cup of tea & a
segareta & we had quite an
entertaining conversation for
he could say London & Paris
which comes the nearest to

speaking English of any thing I
have heard yet but he pointed
towards our house put his finger in
his mouth & lay his head on his
hand which I took for granted
that we could keep the house
Eat drink & sleep in till
further orders

Most of the government officials
are Chinamen (for the Chinese
are very indolent & consequently,
not fit for it) but they,
likewise are in much fear of
the King & they do take pride
in being liberal with the
other Peoples goods therefore
it is just as well for us
that they are
as then went back to the house
& found it full of natives
cleared them all out

Impossible to dry our clothes as we have no others to put on & there is no such thing to be had here as they were nothing but a cloth round their middle

There is quite an excitement caused by our arrival the whole street is crowded with people to have a look at us but as long as I can keep them out of the house I do not mind it but The Kings servants came flocking in loaded with provisions & dishes they brought Sable & English Chair plates cups & saucers knives & forks tumblers & Bowls spoons (they came from the Kings Palace & I suppose he had him keeping them as curiosities as they use nothing of the kind themselves) they brought plenty of rice dyed

fish Pork & the largest
roasted Chicken I ever saw
with pepper Salt &c. & 320
pieces of Diam ^(which is Value \$1) money, to go
to market with & gave us
to understand that when it
was gone they would bring
more then three more came
loaded with ~~fruits~~
just before night cleared the
house & set the table & had
the first meal of victuals that
seemed to belong to white
folks that we have had since
leaving the Tak Wee
The house had a kind of Loft
which was nicely covered with
mats for the men to sleep
in while I had a very wide
cotton in the lower room for
myself

Friday 16th Moderate breezes
with rain at times

There are several junk & one
Chinese Steamer here but they
are all dismantled & laid up
deeming it impossible to go to
sea during the N.E. monsoon
& I find that this coast is
always entirely shut out from
all commerce at this time of
the year on account of stormy
weather it being a lee shore
a number of Europeans from
the King part of the city
came with their train of
followers ~~came~~ to see us
& seemed very kind but we
could not understand what
they said I had several ivory
card cases in my writings
book & gave a nice one to

The one who seemed to ~~be~~
Prince or something of the kind
he was very much pleased with
it. The little boy I have
with me has bin with me
ever since I have had command
of vessels on the coast & is
very smart - honest - & well
educated. Read & writes three
different languages & speaks
four & make a great deal of
him for he is a great help to
me a well as a companion
he is not - on the ships articles
for he is not paid by the
ship he is 17 years old but
not larger than a boy of 10 or
12 years at the most therefore
he has allways bin ^a taken for
my son wherever we have bin
heretofore & it is impossible to

make these people believe otherwise
his name is Lewis Price
when the Prince went away he
took the boy with him to the King
who made much of him had him
to go & play with his two little
boys & when he came away gave
him White Sugar rice cakes &
Isuite & a servant to carry them
for him & likewise gave him 320
more pieces of money to bring to
me

This afternoon they brought
me a Malay who said he could
speak English it was evident
that he had been among the English
for he could understand our ways
& motions better than the rest of
them but 8 or 10 words was the
sum total of his ability in speaking
they then brought a Chinaman who
could do a little better but

there was a great deal of French
in our way of conversing
we named him our interpreter
Then came two Capt of Junks
one Malaya & one Atsah
they told us through the interpreter
that they could leave in about
two or three months & would
then take us to Singapore
but as they could not leave
before on account of bad
weather we came to no
satisfactory conclusion

I was taken quite ill last
night & have not been able to
leave the house today but am
much better tonight - it was
on account of having been wet so
long. Chickens Fish Rice
& Ferns are the principle
articles of food here &

Very cheap can get a chicken
weighing about seven and a half lbs
~~and~~ for eighteen pieces of money
which is value $5\frac{2}{3}$ cents &
others in proportion

Saturday 17th Pleasant
but with appearance of bad weather
outside it is much better
today. The Chief of Police
with two or three men from
government house with the
Interpreter came to see me
& talk me that they could
take us to a place about
of some Island where there
is an English harbour (I don't
know whether it is Singapore
or Penang, but I think
it must be the latter)
& then we can cross in a
Vessel but we must leave

The Boat & gear as a present
to the King & he would let
us have four Elephants
to take us across the country
& send an officer & servants
with us it would take
about a week to go &
3 or 4 days to catch the
Elephants as they were on
an Island grazing.

I concluded to go that way
as it would be madness to
think of going to sea again
in the boat but I was very
sorry to leave her & when
I told the men they must
leave her they felt as bad
as I did about it for they
were my boats crew when the
Hak Wee was in harbour &
they took great pride in her

for she was a pretty one &
 the fastest pulling Boat I ever
 saw of her class & when it
 would go in her on business or
 pleasure they would never allow
 an other boat to pass them
 Sunday 18th Light winds
 with small rain at times
 We are quite well again
 the excitement of our arrival
 is quieting down a little but
 we still have visitors from
 government house to look at
 my things & barometers writing
 desk &c the latter of which
 is a full leather one of
 English make & cost \$35
 Wesley is not well today but
 his appetite & seems very feverish
 The lower floors of the house
 is of square blocks of granit

& Carthen alternately laid down
& raised one block (in the evening
while the rest were all out for
a walk) took the case off
of my anchor & buried it
& put the block down again
so nicely that it could not
be discovered for today 2 of
the men found some Omshu
which is a kind of rum
made from a fruit & is
very intoxicating & I don't
know what they might do
while in that state
They say the Elephants
will be here in two or three
days

Monday 19th Pleasant
weather in harbour

Boys much worse They say the
Elephants will be here in two or three days

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Tuesday 20th Strong winds
with much rain

The boy very bad with a
high fever has tasted
nothing but water for 3 days
The King has sent his doctor
& a servant to bring him
things give him his medicine &
take care of him today they
held a consultation over him
there were 5 or 6 venerable
looking old men present

One Seaman taken with chills
& fever they say the
Elephants will be here in two
or three days

Wednesday 21st Pleasant
weather The Boy seems a
little more easy but seems
dreadfully & doctors in attendance
one Seaman taken sick the

Same as the boy was & one sick
with chills & fever
I had a misunderstanding with
the Kings today (which would
not seem very strange situated
as we are) a day or two ago
I sent him one of my best
card cases & today, a servant
came back with it & pointed
to the desk making motions
I thought he did not want
it so I took it back & put
it away, he left & soon
came back with the Chief of
Police & interpreter they
gave me to understand that
the Kings nearly wanted to
see the others to see their
different Paterna I let them
have them they took them
to him & brought them all

back again when the Chief of Police
said if I would give one to the King
he would be much pleased & gave
the one I had first given they
took it to him & came back
with 4 men loaded with white
Gronell Sweet Potatoes Eggs sugar
biscuits Tea & 320 more
pieces of money

They say the Elephants will be
here in two days which is
a little more decided
Thursday 22^d Pleasant
weather The Boys a little better
the rest much the same

They say the Elephants will
be here in the morning
Friday 23^d Pleasant
weather The Boys not so well
the man who has the same
sickness is much worse

it is a strange sickness they are
first taken with loss of appetite
only, & no pain but ^{very} thirsty
(the water here is very bad
indeed) & in 2 or 3 days
they become partly deranged
& feverish but still with
no pain the people pay
great attention to the boys
but seem to take no
notice of the men & I have
no medicine for them & know not
what to do for them I have tried
to get them to doctor the men
they then gave them a little medicine
but take no further notice of them
the Elephants are now held
held a consultation over
the sick they say they cannot
go in such a state for the
Elephants ride very hard

I told them we would wait
untill tomorrow morning which
they seemed to agree to

My dog got loose & saw the
Elephants they being the first
she had seen set her nearly
crazy after them while they were
very much afraid of her they
ran in among some trees &
broke the bark in pieces while
she bit them sadly about the
hinder parts she did not come
of clear one of them hit
her on the head with his trunk
& hurt her some but she didnt
mind it much

Saturday 24th Moderate winds
with rain at times

The Boy is a little better the
rest about the same
they will not let us go today

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Sunday 25th Pleasant
Christmas Day has come
but it is not a very merry
one for us
We sick much the same as
yesterday, they have eaten
nothing for nearly a week
& yet they look quite fleshy
I feel very strangely myself
but find it will not do for
me to get sick so therefore
I must try to work it off
if possible my appetite is
getting very bad
I think that its not having
proper exercise & drinking
this bad water that is making
us sick & besides there is
a kind of drain beside the
street which is full of
stagnant water which

smells very bad
I took a walk this forenoon
entirely around the City out-
side of the walls which is about
5 miles at times I would become
Very dizzy & have to sit
down some times for nearly half
an hour when about half
way around I found a beautiful
stream of running water of
which I drank freely of &
then proceeded on made the
circuit by noon having
started about half past six in
the morning tonight I feel
a little better & ^{at} eat some supper

Monday 26 Moderate
with squalls at times
The Boys much the same the others
much worse I took a walk
this morning through the

city & over to the sea shore
which is about 4 miles dis-
tance the Carpenter with me
he being the only one that
was able to walk
I think the sooner we get
out of this the better
called a council this afternoon
to see if they would not
let us that could ride
go & leave the worst
behind to be cured if possible
& then sent away by the
punks for I could do nothing
for them myself & besides
I think it my duty to get
an ~~advice~~ as possible
but they would listen to
no such thing but said
we must all go together
but the Kings would like

very sick for me to leave the
Boys with him but I could not
think of that neither did he want
to stop

They then said that if we would
all go now they would get the
Elephants the sick began to
sweat about leaving so I said
we would go at once but
soon found that we should
have to wait several days
yet for they had taken the
Elephants back to the Island
again but said they would
be here in two or three days
Tuesday 27th Light winds
with much rain the sick
much the same not able
to move without help
took my walk as usual they
say the Elephants are coming in two or three
days

Wednesday 28th Strong
winds with rain at times
The boy is a little better
the medicine they have
given him seems to have
taken hold of his complaint
he may yet recover but
the man Sanders Brown
has nothing to do but
lay & die for I cannot get
him properly attended to
& I can do nothing myself
the one James Macartney
has his regular fits of
shakes every day & shakes
the whole house with it
but he is in no danger
if we can only get him
away soon & I think the
best thing we can do for
the others is to get away

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If we can then give them
fresh air & good water which
we cannot do while remaining
here but we are obliged to
wait for the Elephants they
say they will be here in two
or three days

I and the Carpenter & dog
took our walk to the sea
shore as usual

Thursday 29th Pleasant
Did much the same
took my walk as usual & begin
to have a better appetite &
am very happy to see that
I am breaking out all over
with large Pores which I
think will be the means of
saving my life they say
the Elephants are coming tomorrow

Friday 30th Strong winds
with rain in the morning
The Elephants have come again
The Boy is much better Sanders
Brown much worse not
being able to be moved
without his fainting away
he will not live much longer
they would not let us
go on the Elephants today
but said that the river
ran partly on our way
for two or three days
& we could go along in
a boat that length of
time & then the man would
be much better or dead
I thought it a good plan to
go in the boat as it would
be nearly as easy for the sick
as being in the house

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& perhaps the fresh air would
revive them so they brought
rice & dried fish enough to last
us 15 or 20 days & gave me
\$10.00 Mexican Dollars to buy things
with on the way.

About 10.30 am started in the
boat which was a large
Canoe about 30 ft long &
6 ft wide in the middle &
made of one log
made a bed for the sick in the
middle of her & roofed it
over with Matting so that
they were quite comfortable
& seemed to revive a little
after starting.
Had five natives to work the
boat & one government officer
& his servants as an escort
had our Malay interpreter

with us as Cook as he had
him doing the same for us
for the last week & a very
good Cook he was could make
the best Curry I ever tasted
Altogether we had quite a boat
load & had a large sail
went along with a fair wind
& a good breeze on the main
river for about 30 miles when
we turned off on a small
branch of the same not
more than 15 ft wide &
6 ft deep with large
paray land on each side
with now & then a clump
of coconut trees
just before dark came to
heavy wooded land where
the river widened
had considerable rain through

the night slept in the boat the
natives working her most of the
night. **Vanders Brown**
died about 4 AM there are
but 4 of us left now
Saturday 31st Light
winds & pleasant weather
at 7 AM stopped at a
small shore cooked breakfast
Got it Buried our dead
& went on our way
about 11 AM stopped at
a place where the Elephants
came to the river side &
in number unloaded the
boat & load the Elephants
one with the provisions
& two of us with baggage
on each of the others the
officer & his clerk taking
one each Elephant had a

native driver on his head
the worst thing now is
what to do with the dog
who cannot ride & cannot
follow in sight for the ~~Chippaws~~
will not go while they see
her there are 8 or ten
servants to walk
I made a bargain with
our Mak^o book to walk
& lead the dog with him
I was to give him \$5.00
so we started in that
way. find it very hard
riding as we have to
sit & very much cramped
up for the birds are very small
for going through the Bush
& they take such long
steps that it is continually
ending one backwards &

forwards with no slight jerks
I fixed a place for the Boys
(with men) so that he could
lay down he make a great
deal of pus but I think it
will not hurt him much
he is now very much fallen
away being nothing but skin &
bones & has no strength at all
in his limbs

Went on for about 8 miles
when the dog got away from
the Malays (the Malay had
stopped in the bushes to let
us pass which allowed the
dog to get the scent of our tracks)
& came tearing after us as
if mad biting the Elephants
right & left they became furious
& unmanageable we was going
through thick wooded land

with heavy under brush &
the path is very narrow
but just room enough for
one elephant to push his
way through by some times
breaking down large branches
of trees (to allow the cars
to pass also) which they would
do whenever the driver told
them to they have them very
well trained

at this time there happened to
be a little cleared spot about
15 yards square that we were
just in the middle of when the
dog attacked us

The elephants loaded with the
provisions went straight on in
the path while the two that
we white folks were on kept
howling around the cleared

place the drivers keepings them out
of the woods by continually driving
there large iron hooks into these
heads on the side nearest the Bush
they would fetch the blood every
time they drove it in

When the officer was on
halted for the Bush in spite of
his driver & went in to the thickest
of it tearing up trees on its
way Broke the car in pieces
knocked of the riders wounding
them severely but not seriously
& scattered there baggage through
the woods Broke his box in
which he kept his official tools
stamps &c it was a very nice
one he had a gold hilted
sword the hilt of which
was some of a lost worth
about \$100.00)

The dog usually is a very
Obedient one & always come
at my call & would mind
my every motion but at
this time she would listen to
no one but went tearing on
after the runaway Elephant
for a short time when I
heard her coming back after
the seat of them I jumped
off & caught her &
looked her to a tree which
was out of sight of the El.
it was then about 1:30 Pm
we waited until nearly
dark for the men who
had gone after the Elephant
when one of them came back
& said they could not get
the Elephant to come back
therefore we concluded

to go back & find a place
to stop for the night
The Elephants were not long in
going back as they went with
a kind of rum which is
peculiar to themselves
there lives as well as themselves
being very much afraid the
dog would get away & come
after them again. I had given
orders for them not to eat
her of until they were
sure we had got to a house
& dismounted we went to
within a mile of the river
bank where we started from
& stopped at a bungalow
cooked supper & prepared
for the night none of us
in very good spirits
the officer was in unusual

bad hume being commonly a
young pleasant man indeed
A Schrow is the name
of a kind of house built
by the people of a village
or town the size varies
according to the size of
the village it is what we
would call a meeting house
but is always kept open
having usually but two closed
walls there are two large
drums in back for calling
the people together
The Priest are all travellers
& when they come to one
they beat the drum & speak
to the people & get something
to eat

We having a government
officer with us of some note

one whom they all seemed to respect
 only had to beat the drum to gather
 the people & order what we wanted
 such as milk eggs chickens
 & fruit which we do not
 have to pay for as long as
 we are in the King's territory,
 but they say when we go
 into Malacca we shall have
 to pay for them

Frequent showers of rain through
 the night ~~is~~ ends the third ship
 wreck

Sunday January 1st 1865
 Strong winds with a steady
 rain the new year's day has
 come but it is not a very
 happy day for us I hope the
 year will end more pleasantly
 The officer has sent the
 runaway Elephant back to

the City with Message to
the King that he cannot go
any farther until he gets another
one for he is bitten by the
dog very badly in about
30 places

he likewise sent men
to look for his sword
hilt which they came back
with just before night
which put him in better humor
but he is sadly worried &
beset from head to foot
the sick days not quite so
well today complains of
pains in the back shoulders
& head keep one man rubbing
him they have a kind of
way of pinching & pounding
lightly on the painful parts
which does him no very much

Monday 2^d Moderate winds
with much rain
The sick much better
No news from the City
Still waiting at the
Schow

Tuesday 3^d Moderate winds
& fine weather
The sick still gaining
Received message from the King
by the Chinaman who had
brought our interpreter that we
could not proceed unless
we sent the dog back as
a present to him with a
paper certifying to the same
(he had him trying to get her
before & now he wanted her more
than ever) so I concluded
to give the dog up but was
very loath to do so as we had

~~kept~~ her through all our ~~travels~~
& when nearly starved more
of us could have the heart
to kill her for food
I offered more money, to have
her taken across but it was
no use for 3 or 4 ~~days~~
could not hold her if she
wanted to get away
I should walk with her myself
but it is next to impossible
for a white man to walk
through this country.

^{my} Wednesday 4th Light
minds & pleasant weather
She sick much the same
Shy said the Elephants would
be here this morning but
have seen nothing of them
yet Shy took away
the dog today by means

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of two poles 10 ft long
with one end of each fastened
to her neck & 4 men holding
each of the other ends in
this way they led her to
the boat they had on the
river & made her well fast
in that (for she could swim
nearly as fast as a man could
walk on shore)

Thursday 5th Light Airs
with rain at times

She sick much the same
The Elephants came this morning
loaded them & went our
way at about 5 PM
Stopped at a small village
& put up at the Bkrow

Friday 6th Light winds
with small rain at times
got breakfast & proceeded

on our way through the roughest
country I ever saw
it being cut up so badly,
by rivers & small streams
the Elephants having, some times
to go down rough banks
from 10 to 30 ft deep &
on an angle of 80° from
the plane but they
go very carefully sliding
down on their bellies &
crawling up on their knees
at night got to another
village & put up for the
night the people here
did not like to give us
what we wanted so the
officer took out mares
from his box sent ~~one~~ servant
to catch as many foxes as he
could bring back with him

set others at milking the cows
& some to climb the coconut
trees. he said it was by the
order of the King & we soon
had a good supper

Saturday 7th Moderate
wind & pleasant weather

The sick gaining a little
got breakfast & proceeded
on our way. The governor
of the Village got up his
Elephant & train & accompanied
us. he will go with us to
gather the names of the
Sons on the sea shore we are
going to. we are now 5 Elephants
& about 30 people all told
crossed the Boundary line between
Diam & Malacca about noon
have been going up hill most
all day at night came

to a small Malay Village
& put up at the Schouw
which is a little different
from a Chinese one being
walled in on all sides
& a door to entrance.

Sunday 8th Light Air
& pleasant weather

got breakfast & proceeded on
our way made a long
day of it starting very
early & stopping very late
have been going most of the
day down hill

could see the high lands
about - quiet
at night came to a room -
beat the drums but could
get no people to gether
or could not see anything of the
Village therefore we had a

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poor supper & prepared for
the night.

Monday 8th Pleasant

got breakfast (which did not
take long to get for we had nothing
but rice to get ready) &

proceeded on our way
the sick begin to weary
of sickness the boys mind
wanders very much he talks
of home has frequent crying
spells & says he will die very
soon but I think it is only
the figets he is very
weak can sit up but a
few minutes at a time &
that not often

there are millions of monkeys
by the way & plenty
of wild fowell such as
ducks Chickens geese Snakes

Pheasants & Peacocks &c
without number but cannot
~~catch~~ them for they are very
shy & cannot kill the as we
have nothing to do it with
just before night came to
a schaw & put up for the
night

There is a very nice road going
from quatar through Malacca
back to the Boundary line of
Siem it is about 36 ft wide
& as straight as can be &
as smooth as a floor I do not
know what it is for unless
it be for the Kings of Malacca
to ride out on for the
bridges are made only strong
enough for a light fringed
carriage to drive over & not
fit for the Elephants & they

are not allowed to go on it at all
it is fenced in all along
we go along sometimes for miles beside
it & through the brush over hills
backs down gulleys & some times go
miles out of the way, to find
a place in which we could cross
a river if we could only
go on the road it would remedy
all that sometimes I would get
off & go & have a look at it
I could see as far as the eye
could reach

Tuesday 10th Pleasant
weather got breakfast & proceeded
on at 2 Pm saw the Town
of Grafton at 3-30 came
into the Upper Town
were taken by some Malay
Grandee (who was just going
out to ride in a very nice

carriage I do not know what he said
to the Kings (or Roger which
is nearly the same thing) summer
house (he being at Penang at
present) where we was treated
very kindly. The house is much
after the English style &
the grounds are beautifully
laid out with gravelled walks
trees & flowers of all kinds
English not excepted.
There seems to be but one
man here that can speak English
but he speaks it very fluently
he holds an office very near
the Kings, he came to see us
took my report & said he
would send us to Penang as
soon as possible.
They gave us a nice supper
& then showed me to a very

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we had much after the English
fashion & made a large
bed on the floor for the men
it seems quite nice to sleep on
a bed after sleeping on boards
& sometimes on the ground for
nearly two months

Wednesday 11th Pleasant
we all feel much better after
a good night's sleep
The boy is a great deal better
at noon the interpreter
came with two Garris (carts)
& took us to the lower Saan
where he put us on board
of a China junk paid
our passage across to Penang
gave us Bread Tea & Sugar
to eat on the way & sent a
Malay officer to see us across
got started about 4 P.M.

At 6 Pm came to the mouth
of the river but could not
cross the Bar as it was low
tide at 10 Pm crossed the
Bar had much rain through
the night.

The Cabin of the Junk was
about 9 ft square & 8 ft
high we had 16 passengers &
when it rained hardest
had to huddle down in that
hold some of all nations
besides flees like bedbugs &c
one or two smoking opium
we would stand it as long as
possible & then make a
halt on deck stay until
we got chilled & then go
below again so between chills
& sweats we passed the night

Thursday 12th Light winds
with rain at times at daylight
saw the shipping in Penang
harbor at 10 AM got in &
anchored & went on shore
the officer that was with us took
us to the medical attendant
& got a receipt for us & went
his way I was obliged to stop
& report - but being very
dizzy & covered with nasty
sores I made it short &
got through as soon as
possible (in the mean time
the men & Boys were taken
into the outer office where
the clerks sent out & got
cake & wine for them)
I went to the American
consul & requested immediate
assistance he said my ship

being under English colors
he could do nothing, for me
(but he soon found that I had
not lost my American protection
as he had at first supposed for
I had kept it in my writing desk)
so he sent me to a hotel
to get dinner & told me
to call at 4 P.M.
in the mean time the mail
Steamer got in & was to leave
at 6 P.M. for Singapore &
China

I then took a garrick & went
for the men sent the
carpenter & seaman to a
Boarding house & took the
boys with me to the hotel
he as I said not being on the
ships articles & having no papers
himself was under no one's

protection but my own I wanted
to my owners so that it could go
by the steamer if I could not
I then went to the consul
at the appointed time

He said he could not send me
to China but would send me
as far towards home as I wished
to go but I could not go home
untill I had settled up the
affairs of the ship got the
insurance &c he then
said he could send me as far
as Singapore & that was
all I wanted for I knew
my Agents there who could
do whatever I wished them
to so he got me a first
class passage in the steamer
& gave me five dollars in cash
I then went back to the Hotel

to write certificates of character
for the men left them with
the boys & gave him \$22.00
dollars for himself it being
all I could do for him
I then managed to get on
board of the steamer just
as she was starting,
found my room as soon as
possible took my sea in
it for I had a first class
Ticket & I was not fit
to go to a third class table
therefore no one can imagine
the state of my feelings
this evening unless they have
been placed in the same
situation
Friday 13th Light airs
& pleasant weather
at 4 P.M. Entered Singapore

Strates passed 10 ~~Bengal~~ 4
ships & 3 Brigs today
This morning the Chief Steward
having heard of my situation
sent me a nice suit of
black clothes shirts & knell's socks
collars & a cap I had a
nice bath & dressed myself
& felt quite a new man
Enjoyed myself nicely today

Saturday 14th Pleasant
weather passed a great number
of vessels to day but they
are all going South & in
ballast which looks bad for
commerce at 5 P.M. went
along side of the Wharfe at
New Harbor Singapore
Went on shore & stopped all
night with an old friend
named Fred Wimble ship
Chandler

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Sunday 15 Pleasant
weather

at 11 AM went to
Our Agents Messrs R. H. Harburg
Smith & Co ^{at the same house} gave them my
statement they said they
would see tomorrow what
they could do about sending
a steamer to look for the
Mate & his men

They gave me a first class
Ticket to proceed in the same
steamer to Hong Kong
& gave me what money
I wanted but it being
Sunday I could buy no cloths
therefore I took but ten dollars
They told me they had a house
in Penang which I did not know
before so I went to the
Commercial Hotel & wrote

to them to have the boy taken
care of untill he got well &
then sent home

The Boat is kept by one Mr
Puddingcomb (an old acquaintance
of mine) he gave me shirts &
flannels enough to last to
Hong Kong & have a change
every day if I wished he is an
English man & so was the
steward of the Steamer for she
belonged to the P & O Co. The Capt
of her offered me cloths or any
thing I wished. I find the
People of Every nation very
generious with the exception
of the Americans there were
several American Capt's came down
from Penang in the Steamer
these Vessels lying here they
sit beside me at Table & not

one but that had plenty of
talk full of questions but
not one of them offered me
as much as a cigar to smoke
at any time

1-2 P.M. went on board
of the Steamer & started
for Hong Kong

Monday 16th Strong N.E.
wind with much sea

but going along nicely
Tuesday 17th More moderate
& pleasant sun very hot

going to take the Pallawan
passage

Wednesday 18th Moderate winds
with rain

Thursday 19th Moderate N.E.
winds & pleasant weather

Friday 20th Moderate N.N.E.
winds & pleasant weather

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Saturday 21th Moderate NNE
wind & pleasant weather

Saw the Pallawan Island
Sunday 22^d Strong North
winds & pleasant weather

at 10 AM the Bell tolled for
Church when we all assembled
in the Cabin & had a very
good meeting the Capt. presiding
in much good feeling

The Music from the Organ
& singing by the Ladies &
Gentlemen was very nice indeed

at 8 PM assembled for
an evening meeting & had a
very good time

Monday 23^d Moderate North
winds & pleasant weather
passed in sight of the
Island of Luzon in
which is the Port of Manilla

Tuesday 24th Strong
North winds & Cloudy
with rain at times

Wednesday 25th Strong
N.E. wind & pleasant

Thursday 26th Moderate
N.E. wind & pleasant
weather at noon saw
the land at 5.30 P.M.
run into the harbour of
Hong Kong & came to
anchor

I went on shore &
reported to the Agent the
loss of his vessel it being
the first he had ^{heard} of her
since my leaving Hong Kong
but said he had given
her up some time ago
but said he would rather
have lost the other time

new vessels than her alone
for she was his pride
She was but half insured
but the cargo was all insured
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Reported at the Harbour
Masters noted that &c
Mr Burrone has been to
some trouble to find out
whether or not anyone has
ever travelled through that
part of the country before
finds that no white man
ever made the passage
on fire ^{across} through Cham &
Malaca before

February 26th 1865

I received a letter today,
from our Agents at Penang,
which was as follows

Dear Sir

Yours of
the 15th came duly to hand

We were not aware at the
time of your arrival here
that the Pak Koo was owned
by Messrs W & C Bunker & Sons
or we should have sent
for you & offered assistance

also for the Boy,

Lewis Price. The Hongkong
Consul Mr Sadler, kindly
got up a subscription
for him yielding upwards
of \$100 which will be
amply sufficient to
buy him an outfit for the

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Voyage home. He is at present
in the Hospital laid up with
fever & gradually recovering.

We shall try to get him
sent home by a Vessel loading
for London.

Your letter has been sent
to him.

we are

Dear Sir
Yours faithfully

Schmidt Rastmann & Co

(Branch of Rutherford Schmidt & Co)
Singapore

March 10th 1865

After much trouble
have now succeeded in
extending protest &
collecting insurance
Dotted with my goods
to day in business for
Shipping is very bad indeed
other wise he says he would
own another ship for me
at once but now he is
laying up his vessels as
fast as they come into
Port therefore I must
now look out for myself
There was never such hard
times known in China
before the Harbour of
Hong Kong is full of
Shipping & nearly all laid
up the Ex portation

of Rice has been stopped
at Miami by the Kings
which puts many small
vessels out of employ

I hear that the mate
with one or two of his
men have arrived at
Bangs Rock

March 16th 1865

I received a copy of
the Pioneer Times (sent
to me by our agents
in view) containing
the water report
it seems to show but one season with him
the amount of her loss
is not quite correct
in position & time
otherwise it is about
the same as my own
but as he had no way of finding out other fishermen
they seemed to have
(after leaving the vessel)
very much easier times
than we did

Also by the same that the
Gale Bee has been found
& towed by a steamer
ashore bottom up

January 26, 1865.

LOSS OF THE FAH-KEE.

Fah-Kee, HOWLAND, Master, from Bangkok to Hongkong.

"We left Bangkok on the 21st day of November, and on the morning of the 25th at 6 A. M., when in Lat. $12^{\circ} 12'$ N., the wells were sounded, and the Carpenter reported 20 inches of water. The men had been pumping from 6 A. M., and continued pumping till 9 A. M., when it was discovered that the vessel was nearly filled with water. Finding that it was a hopeless case, sail was taken in and the vessel put before the wind under the square sails, and at 10 o'clock, we sighted a vessel which proved to be the Hamburg brig *Superb* from Bangkok, bound to Batavia. The long-boat being launched, the brig hove to, and the Mate boarded her. He returned to the ~~ship~~ ^{boat} saying, the Captain of the *Superb* had offered any assistance he could render. The Captain of our vessel said he thought he should be able to run her to the land on the West coast of the Gulf. We got bread from the *Superb*, all our own stores and water having been stowed below. The bread, water and three hams, which the China steward had on deck, were placed in the long-boat, which was towed astern. After the quarter boat was lowered, half of the provisions were placed in her. At this time it was dark, and the starboard watch went into the boats to get supper. At 8 P. M., there was a good breeze blowing, and the vessel going about three knots through the water, the wind varying from N. to E. with squalls occasionally. At 12 midnight, the Mate was relieved, and went into the long-boat, and the Second Mate took charge of the vessel. The Mate passed the word to the Second Mate, to keep her as near West as he could, and keep the yards square, and if it blew stronger, to shorten sail. Our watch then went to sleep. Between two and three A. M., the next day, we were awake by noise, heard the words "hard up" given, and as we rose

up we saw the vessel going over on her port side. I slept in the main-sail on the boom. As I awoke, I saw the vessel go over. I jumped into the water and swam to the boat; the order having been given to pull in and pick up the crew.

The *Fah-Kee's* cargo consisted of teak timber, teak planks, rice and pepper, and I heard she had some boxes of treasure on board. I do not know whether any attempt was made to save the treasure, as the vessel filled very fast. I was at the wheel when she first filled.

We left the vessel in company with the Captain. I was in the boat with the Mate, together with the cook and steward, Chinese, and two other seamen. After daylight we sighted a boat which we thought was the Captain's under sail, while we were rigging a sail from the cook's bed cover. Before we got our sail up, we lost sight of the other sail. We sighted the land at daylight, we could discover no place to land, the coast being rocky; so we kept before the wind and ran into a bay, at a place named Patchu, where we tried to enter but could not; so kept further down the coast till we came to a place where we were able to beach the boat. Here we got a mast by bartering the clothes which we had saved with the natives for it. The second day after, we left this place and with great difficulty we got the boat launched. The natives here seemed very avaricious. We tried to get to Bangkok, but found that we went to leeward, and after being out 6 days we sighted a sail, which proved to be a Chinese Junk, and the Chinese in our boat being able to converse with the people in her, we discovered that they were bound to a place at which there lived a man who could talk English, and they kindly offered to tow us there.

We made fast to the Junk and went to the place where she was bound, which was called Tanka, and there we were treated very kindly, and next morning we were sent with a guide to Chumpaun, where we found Mr. CORDEIRO, who was very kind to us. After being there two or three

days, Mr. CORDEIRO took the Mate with him to the Governor, who offered us every assistance in his power, and said he would send us to Bangkok. He asked the Mate whether we wished to stay at his house or with CAPTAIN CORDEIRO. We agreed to stay with Mr. CORDEIRO. We remained there about 20 days, till Mr. CORDEIRO was about to go up the country, and then the Governor sent for us to come and stay at his place. He there was extremely kind to us. After staying with him ten days, he had our own boat and a native boat fitted out for us to go to Bangkok in, and sent an officer who knew the coast with us. After getting to the mouth of the river, we found it too rough, the men would not pull, so we went back and there we remained two or three days, when the Governor sent us away on elephants, to a place called Bangtapan, and from thence we proceeded in buffalo carts to Petchaburi, after a journey by land of about 22 days. When we got to Petchaburi, His Excellency the Prime Minister, heard of our arrival and sent for us,—asked the Mate some questions, and told him there was a steamer laying out at the bar, and to go in her we would have to leave that same night, which we did. We left Petchaburi about 9 at night, and got to the mouth of the river about 2 in the morning. We stopped at the Governor's place till day-light, and then went on board the steamer and

the same evening we arrived in Bangkok. While at Chumpaun, just as we were about to leave, we heard that the Captain was at a place about 18 miles below Chum-paun. The Governor said, if the Captain was there, he would make enquiries for him and send him on to Bangkok. The two Chinese remained at Chumpaun, and also one of the Europeans named Richard Mactilly. Another European named Harrin got sick, and we had to leave him at Petchu.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Siam Times.

DEAR SIR.—Allow me to occupy a little of your valuable space that I may express my thanks, in the only way I am at present able, to the Siamese Authorities who so kindly assisted me on my long journey to Bangkok, after getting ashore from the ill-fated *Fah-Kie*, at Chumpaun.

To the Governor of that place, most particularly, I would return thanks for his kindness in entertaining us to the best of his abilities and for his earnest and persevering endeavors to discover the Captain and the other portion of the crew, from the 1st to the 28th Dec. and then forwarding us accompanied by two of his officers to Petchaburi, where H. E. the Prime Minister showed us every kindness and forwarded us in his fine steam yacht the *Volant*, to Bangkok.

To all who so kindly assisted us on our way I would in the names of myself and companions tender my grateful thanks.

By doing so you will much oblige.

Your most humble servant,

GEORGE F. SANDS.

late first officer

A FLOATING CITY.

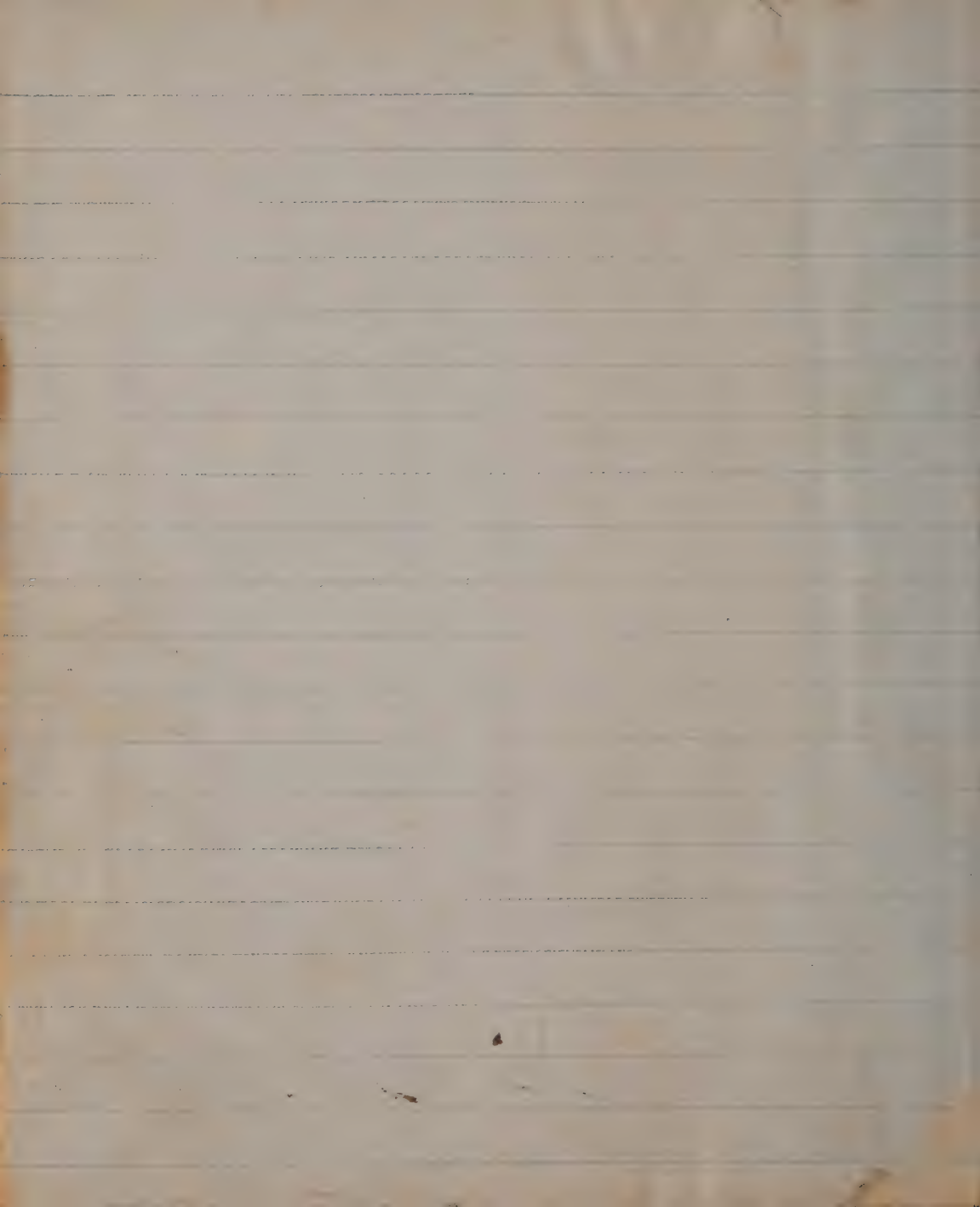
One of the most wonderful cities in the world is Bangkok. It is the capital of Siam, and is situated on—or rather in—the great river Meinam. Our engraving represents a portion of this unique metropolis, and we



FLOATING CITY OF BANGKOK.

find the following graphic account of it in a volume of recent travels:—"The capital of Siam! Did you ever witness such a sight in your life? On either side of the wide, majestic stream, moored in regular streets and alleys, and extending as far as the eye can reach, are upwards of seventy thousand neat little wooden houses, each house floating on a compact raft of bamboos; and the whole intermediate space of the river presents to our astonished gaze one dense mass of ships, junks, and boats, of every conceivable shape, colour, and size. As we glide along amongst these, we occasionally encounter a stray floating house, broken loose from its moorings, and hurrying down the stream with the tide, amidst the uproar and shouts of the inhabitants and all the spectators. We also observe that all the front row of houses are neatly-painted shops, in which various tempting commodities are exposed for sale; behind these again, at equal distances, rise the lofty and elegant porcelain towers of the various wats and temples. On our right-hand side, far away as we can see, are three stately pillars,

erected to the memory of three defunct kings, celebrated for some acts of valour and justice; and a little beyond these, looming like a line-of-battle ship amongst a lot of cockle-shells, rises the straggling and not very elegant palace of the king, where his Siamese Majesty, with ever so many wives and children, resides. Right ahead, where the city terminates, and the river, making a curve, flows behind the palace, is a neat-looking-fort, surmounted with a tope of mango-trees, over which peep the roofs of one or two houses and a tall flag-staff, from which floats the royal pendant and jack of Siam—a flag of red groundwork, with a white elephant worked into the centre. That is the fort and palace of the prince Chou Fau, now king of Siam, and one of the most extraordinary and intellectual men in the East. Of him, however, we shall see and hear more, after we have bundled our traps on shore, and taken a little rest. Now, be careful how you step out of the boat into the balcony of the floating house, for it will recede to the force of your effort to mount, and if not aware of this, you lose your balance and fall



April 1st 1865

I find there is no hope of getting
any things to do here & being
asked by the Agents of Siam
Mail Steamer Sir Court Canning
to go to Bangkok in the
Steamer (with a free passage there
& back) to make arrangements
for taking command of her
I concluded to do so

After settling all of my
bills here & buying what
a man must have to take
command - charts books instruments
& beside plenty of clothes I found
I had spent a little over \$500.
& had but \$35. left but
thought if I got the steamer
it would be all right
April 4 Started for Bangkok

April 13th 1865
After a pleasant passage
of 9 days we arrived at
Bangkok

Here I found the second mate
of the ~~Indra~~ he had arrived
two days before after being
sick, & from the in the
country he had gone on
(at the time he left me) until
he found a hut where he
got a little rice to eat
& tried to get back but
got lost & fell sick
was found by some natives
& taken in hand
& after a long sickness of
which he is not yet recovered
he managed to get back here

I find they went out in
the steamer tug Maggie Lander
to look for the Fish Kree
& had the tug loaded with coal
they found her & towed her
bottom up for about 100 miles
when the coal gave out
& they were obliged to leave her
& go for more went back
& found she had drifted into
shoal water & the masts had
caught the bottom & after
they had broken them off
she was still fast
(I think the Chained had got out
the list had caught the rocks)
so they had to give up
towing, went back to town
got two small vessels
one Bark & one Schooner
& went down to turn her

over but after breaking
the barrel of the Back mill
& cutting her side down
to the water edge they
had to give that up
They then concluded to
break her up for the
specia & lumber
& after working a long
time on her they succeeded
opening her last the
specia & did not get much
of anything else from her
The company that under-
took it failed after it
so that is the last of
the Oak Bee



S.S. *Ussu*

BILL OF FARE.

17 Day of January 1865

Turtle Soup.

Roast Mutton	do
do	do
do	Capon
do	Pork
do	Fowls
Roast Beef	

The one on which I traveled

Corn'd. Round Beef
Fork

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Bol'd Leg - Mutton
Fowls

Stewed Turtle Fins

Turtle Cutlets

Beef steak & Pudding
Fowl Ham Pot

Onions

Ham

Curry Rice

Second Course

Fruit Tart

Sponge. Cakes

Roll. Jam. Pudding

Fruit — do

Rice — do —

Mince — Pie

Roast beef Roll

Maccaroni Cheese.

Jam Puffs.



